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Chairman Forese,

The proposed negotiated rate increase and associated changes to existing regulations in the APS rate case are anti-competitive and should not be approved. The changes pick a winner and skewer the competition. Arizona has the highest quality and one of the most abundant solar resources in the country. There is no better place for solar electric generation. Please don't destroy the ability of Arizonans to capture and use this free, non-polluting resource by capitulating to APS in order to save its outdated business model. They are a dinosaur company and if they can't compete without government interference, they should get out of the industry. Government regulators have no business telling property owners what they can and can't do on their property by making it financially impossible to do the right thing. Government shouldn't be in the business of providing risk-free profits for private businesses, and it shouldn't bail out companies when technology disrupts their business model. Should our government have banned cars in order to save horse breeders from going out of business? I think we all agree the answer is no.

In the long run, the heavy hand of government almost certainly won't kill the solar industry. Eventually, solar power will be so cheap that it makes sense to install rooftop panels even without net metering, and utilities will start switching from power plants to solar. Governments shouldn't kill rooftop solar simply to keep utilities afloat in their present form. Fees for grid maintenance and variable power generation are fine, but fees shouldn't be used to ensure that utilities never take a loss on their dinosaur investments. And measures to ban third-party ownership of rooftop solar are crony capitalism, plain and simple.

Thank you for your time and please vote NO on this rate case.

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